



Emergency Medical Technician Psychomotor Examination  
BVM VENTILATION OF AN APNEIC ADULT PATIENT



Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Takes or verbalizes appropriate body substance isolation precautions	1	
Checks responsiveness	NOTE: After checking responsiveness and breathing for seconds, [at least 5 but no more than 10] examiner informs the candidate, "The patient is unresponsive and apneic."	1
Checks breathing		1
Requests additional EMS assistance	1	
Checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "You palpate a weak carotid pulse at a rate of 60."		
Opens airway properly	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth is full of secretions and vomitus."		
Prepares rigid suction catheter	1	
Turns on power to suction device or retrieves manual suction device	1	
Inserts rigid suction catheter without applying suction	1	
Suctions the mouth and oropharynx	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "The mouth and oropharynx are clear."		
Opens the airway manually	1	
Inserts oropharyngeal airway	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate, "No gag reflex is present and the patient accepts the airway adjunct."		
<b>**Ventilates the patient immediately using a BVM device unattached to oxygen</b>		
<b>**Award this point if candidate elects to ventilate initially with BVM attached to reservoir and oxygen so long as first ventilation is delivered within 30 seconds.]</b>		
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NOTE: The examiner must now inform the candidate that ventilation is being properly performed without difficulty.		
Re-checks pulse for at least 5 but no more than 10 seconds	1	
Attaches the BVM assembly [mask, bag, reservoir] to oxygen [15 L/minute]	1	
Ventilates the patient adequately		
-Proper volume to make chest rise (1 point)	1	
-Proper rate [10 – 12/minute but not to exceed 12/minute] (1 point)	1	
NOTE: The examiner must now ask the candidate, "How would you know if you are delivering appropriate volumes with each ventilation?"		
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## Critical Criteria

- ☐ After suctioning the patient, failure to initiate ventilations within 30 seconds or interrupts ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- ☐ Failure to take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions
- ☐ Failure to suction airway before ventilating the patient
- ☐ Suctions the patient for an excessive and prolonged time
- ☐ Failure to check responsiveness and breathing for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
- ☐ Failure to check pulse for at least 5 seconds but no more than 10 seconds
- ☐ Failure to voice and ultimately provide high oxygen concentration [at least 85%]
- ☐ Failure to ventilate the patient at a rate of at least 10/minute and no more than 12/minute
- ☐ Failure to provide adequate volumes per breath [maximum 2 errors/minute permissible]
- ☐ Insertion or use of any adjunct in a manner dangerous to the patient
- ☐ Exhibits unacceptable affect with patient or other personnel
- ☐ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on this form in the space below

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**Evaluators Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_